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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE POLITICAL CRISIS AND ALLIED DEMARCHE

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1. I MET SEPARATELY LAST NIGHT WITH BRITISH AND FRENCH  
AMBASSADORS. BRITISH HAD ALREADY RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM LONDON TO  
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OUR DEMARCHE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAD RECEIVED NO NEWS. I  
BRIEFED THEM BOTH FULLY ON BACKGROUND OF DEMARCHE.

2. BOTH AMBASSADORS AGREED THAT WE WERE AT A CRITICAL POINT

IN PORTUGUESE POLITICAL DRAMA, THAT BEST POLICY FOR WEST WAS TO SUPPORT MELO ANTUNES GROUP AND THAT TIME WAS NOW RUNNING AGAINST MELO ANTUNES. BRITISH AMBASSADOR HAD SOME RESERVATIONS, BECAUSE HE HAD SEEN COSTA GOMES ONLY LAST FRIDAY ON ANOTHER MATTER AND HAD RAISED GENERAL POLITICAL CONCERNS AT THAT TIME ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE. BUT HE DID NOT OPPOSE MAKING ANOTHER EFFORT. HE HAD BEEN QUERIED BY LONDON ON WHETHER ANTUNES GROUP HAD THOUGHT THROUGH POSSIBLE ADVERSE REPERCUSSIONS OF DEMARCHE. (REFTEL B. I) DOUBT BRITISH AMBASSADOR WILL BE ABLE TO CHECK DIRECTLY WITH MELO ANTUNES GROUP WHICH IS BEING EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IN THEIR CONTACTS WITH WEST.) I ASSURED HIM THAT THEY HAD AND NOTED THAT THEY HAD MADE TWO REQUESTS FOR EUROPEAN SUPPORT. IN ADDITION I HAD LEARNED FROM A SOURCE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE THAT U.S. DEMARCHE HAD HAD POSITIVE EFFECT.

3. FRENCH AMBASSADOR HAS GENERALLY BEEN NEGATIVE ON DEMARCHE TO COSTA GOMES. SURPRISINGLY, I FOUND HIM RATHER POSITIVE THIS TIME. I PARTICULARLY STRESSED THAT ANTUNES GROUP HAD REQUESTED DEMARCHE, AND THEY WERE IN A BETTER POSITION THAN ANY OF US TO JUDGE THEIR POTENTIAL EFFECT. HE AGREED, ADDING THAT IN ANY EVENT WE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE AT THIS POINT. LATTER COMMENT INDICATES THAT FRENCH EMBASSY NOW SHARES OUR VIEW THAT TIDE BEGINNING TO RUN AGAINST MELO ANTUNES. PERHAPS THIS WILL HAVE AN EFFECT ON DECOURCEL'S OUTLOOK.

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